

# Dead Man at Lever, Subway Trains Crash on Trestle Thirteen Lives Lost in Incendiary Fire in Harlem Shoppers Meet Death as Fire Sweeps Department Store

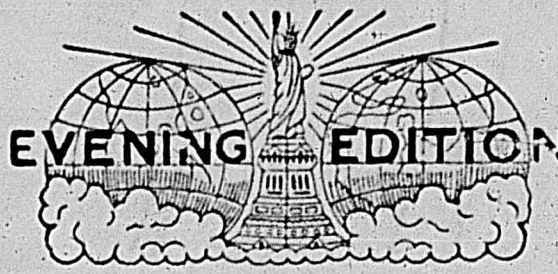
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## INSANE PATIENTS ARE TORTURED IN STATE HOSPITAL

Evening World Investigator Reports  
That Inmates of Ward's Island Asylum Are "Hanged," Choked or Beaten for Trivial Offenses.

### AMAZING RECORD OF CRUELTY IN WARD 40.

Employed There as a Keeper, Dr. John C. McCarthy Kept a Diary Which Is an Astounding Indictment of the Methods Practised on the Island.

Reports reaching The Evening World during the three months preceding October of the ill treatment of insane patients by attendants in the Manhattan State Hospital, on Ward's Island, led to the assignment of an agent to investigate conditions in that institution. This agent has had experience in the treatment and care of the insane at Bloomingdale Asylum and Bellevue, and he is a physician.

During the month of October he was an attendant in a ward in the Manhattan State Asylum. His report shows an amazing prevalence of brutality among attendants. While his observations covered but one ward, his experience may be accepted as a reflection of what was going on all over the asylum.

He found that it is a practice to hit inoffensive patients in the face, to drag them about, to slam them into corners, to kick them in the abdomen and, occasionally, to subject them to a treatment known as "hanging."

This is nothing less than strangulation with a towel. The patient is rendered insensible, revived and beaten. It is all carefully and scientifically done. The patients are kept in abject terror.

### CRUELTY COVERED UP BY PERJURY.

The Evening World investigator was in a ward where the patients, while considered "violent," were in no sense dangerous or disagreeable.

The "system" followed by the attendants renders them careful to hit patients in the jaw or in the abdomen, where no contusions will show. When an attendant makes a mistake and marks a patient and a complaint is made to the doctor, a plausible excuse is always invented and the other attendants swear to the truth of it.

While on duty as an attendant The Evening World investigator kept a diary. It is published with this account to-day in part. The rest of it will appear to-morrow.

This diary is a plain recital of the most striking cases of brutality that the investigator observed. Minor incidents of a similar nature he did not set down, nor was he present in the ward all the time.

Manhattan State Hospital is the largest institution of its kind in the world, sheltering almost 5,000 insane patients. It is a charitable institution under State control, and most of the patients are from this city. Dr. Mabon is the superintendent.

### PATIENTS VICTIMS OF A VICIOUS "SYSTEM."

The casual visitor to the asylum will inevitably conclude that it is a model institution—as probably Gov. Hughes concluded when he passed through it the other day. It is a fact that even the superintendent and the doctors do not know the brutality and misery that is hidden behind the doors leading away from the long, immaculately clean corridors. This is printed in justice to the higher officials.

They as well as the patients are the victims of a system that commits the direct handling of the insane to more or less ignorant and brutal attendants.

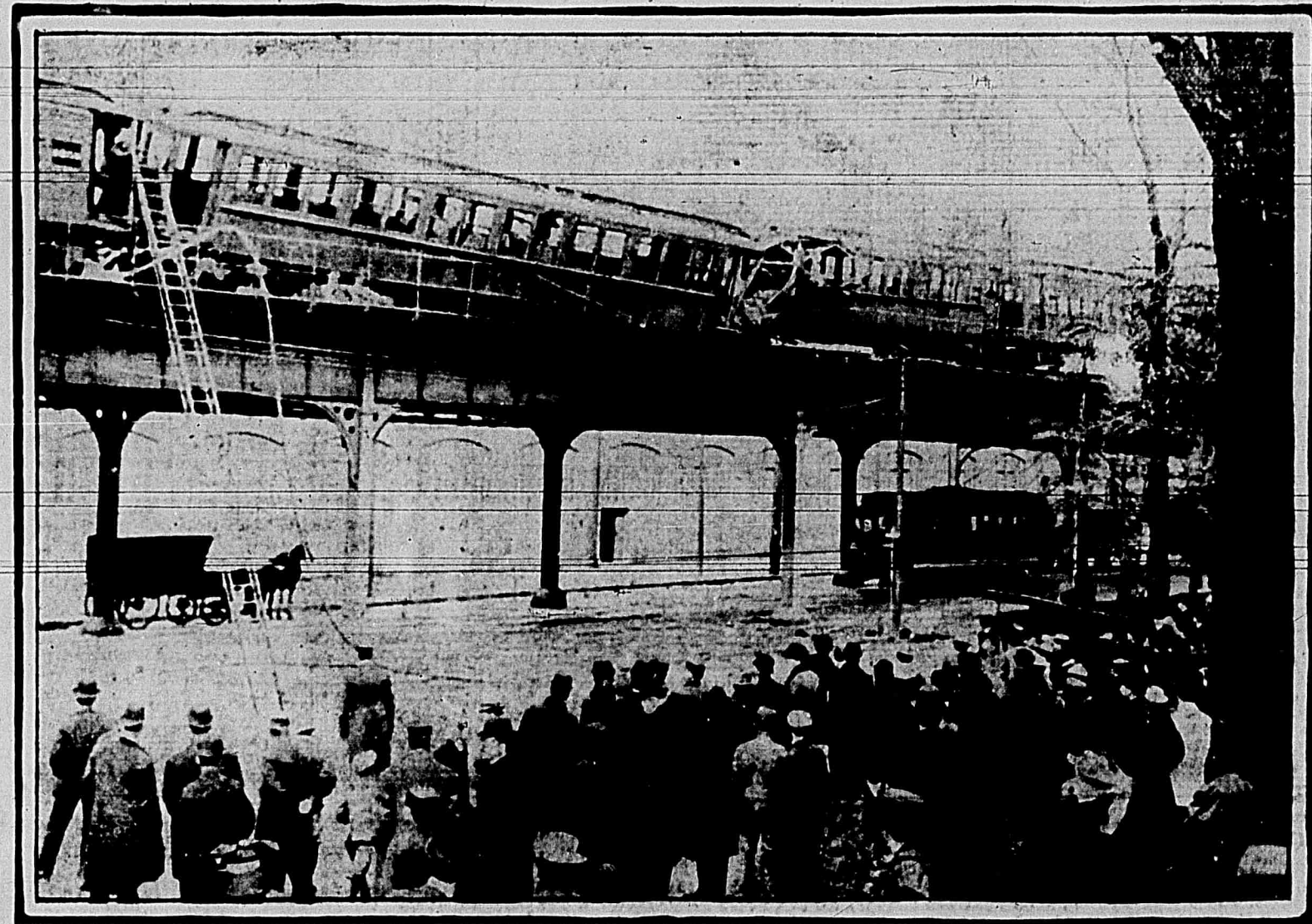
The Evening World investigator found that the attendants who came under his observation slugged patients as though slugging constituted part of their duty to torture and oppress the unfortunates committed to their care.

### TRAINED IN THE SCHOOL OF BRUTALITY.

When the attendants are employed they are told by the superintendent that they must be gentle and kind. Then the influence of the superintendent

The new attendant goes into the wards and is taught the details of his

## Scene of Subway Train Crash on High Trestle Above 174th Street, Near Bronx Park Terminal.



## KILLED AS FIRE SWEEPS THROUGH CROWDED STORE

At Least One Person Met  
Death and a Number Injured  
at Blaze in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 25.—At least one person was killed and a large number were injured in a fire today in the six-story brick block at Twelfth and Main streets, occupied by the William Windermere Company, a retail dry goods firm. Located in a crowded retail section, the fire caused much excitement. Many employees and an indefinite number of customers were in the building at the time.

An electrician had been working during the morning in the rear of the store, and the flames are believed to have started from crossed wires. Shooting up the inner walls, the fire burst out furiously on the third floor and within little more than an hour the entire building was ablaze.

Fifteen clerks are usually on the third floor and several of these leaped from the windows. One saleswoman was so badly injured that she died within a short time, while others on that floor suffered serious injuries.

In the panic crowd it was almost impossible to find those who had escaped and reports of many dead were current, but it was believed no bodies were in the ruins of the building. However, the number of dead will not be known until the ruins are cleared.

The property loss is estimated anywhere from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

### NEW ORLEANS RESULTS.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 25.—The races today resulted as follows:

FIRST RACE—Two-year-olds; five furlongs—Florence N. 105 (J. Sumner), 13 to 1 and 5 to 1, first; Laseur, 105 (V. Powers), 13 to 1 and 5 to 1, second; Georgia Girl, 105 (James Hennessy), 8 to 1 and 2 to 1, third. Time—1:08. Ansonia, Edina, Anna Sanders, Cantessa, Silver Cup, Undina and Culture also ran.

SECOND RACE—Five and a half furlongs; purse \$400; for four-year-olds and upward—De Reaux, 117 (Delaby), 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, first; Lucy Young, 118 (C. Koerner), 20 to 1 and 1 to 2, second; McQuier, 118 (Trozier), 30 to 1 and 1 to 1, third. Time—1:22.3. Greel Sinner, Dapple Gold, Don Nono and Klamesha also ran.

## HOORAY! FATHER BILL DALY WINS ANOTHER RACE

(Special to The Evening World.)

BENNING RACE TRACK, WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Make Father Bill Daly's record for the season four victories. Winning Star won the fourth purse of the season for the old sage of Hartford in the fourth race here this afternoon. Winning Star was pounced the best, but she nearly lost by a wide turn into the stretch. She swerved away over to the outside fence, but closing fast, managed to set up to win by a head.

With anybody but York in the crowd, the race would have been a foregone conclusion. York, Kingessing, a tone won, a second, in front of Gay Grysselle, who led all the way to the stretch.

The crowd gave Daly an ovation similar to that of last week, when Kingessing won. Daly was in the money in the first race with Listless. Quite a record for the old man in one day. It's many a day since Daly finished a favorite.

Marrone Denied Admission.

The sun shone to-day for the first time since last Tuesday. The track was heavy, but a stray wind took some of the moisture out of it. Joe Marrone, the owner whose horse St. Joseph was the favorite, was denied admission to the track, but was denied admission yesterday. Marrone promises to make a fight for what he says is his right.

A race track follower whose name is said to be Schweitzer, killed himself yesterday in Lincoln Park. A Brooklyn bank book was found in his pocket. One of the best things of the meeting was put over in the opening dash.

Yaddo, a 25-to-1 shot. Some of the wise boys, including Charlie Hennessy, backed him. Fairbrother got Yaddo off in front and kept him there all the way, winning easily from Bill Daly's Ladies, with Dolly Spanker third. Raynor was put up on Comedienne and she ran a miserable race, being in the ruck all the way. This showing was nothing like her last winning performance. Orachum was scratched.

### Economy Wins Second.

Economy was the favorite in the steeplechase and after the first half mile he led all the way. A lot of money was bet on Touchwood, but he fell early and the books kept it. Monkey Puzzle, well played, was second, with Fin MacCool played by the Baltimore crowd, and every clover on the track. Sir Woodier and Iva McGiff led during the race, but Iva McGiff landed in soft spots.

Greene Gets the Third.

Belle of the Bay was what the wise boys bet on in the third race. Belle of the Bay won, with a few points. Tony Bonero, played down a few points.

### BENNING RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Yaddo (15 to 1 and 7 to 1) 1, Listless (8 to 1 for place) 2, Dolly Spanker 3.

SECOND RACE—Economy (6 to 5 and 1 to 2) 1, Monkey Puzzle (2 to 1 for place) 2, Fin MacCool 3.

THIRD RACE—Greene (3 to 1 and even) 1, Bonero (8 to 5 for place) 2, Belle of the Bay 3.

FOURTH RACE—Winning Star (5 to 2 and 7 to 10) 1, Kingessing (12 to 1 for place) 2, Gay Grysselle 3.

FIFTH RACE—Monacador (3 to 1 and even) 1, Higginbotham (3 to 5 for place) 2, Ballot Box 3.

SIXTH RACE—Berkeley (7 to 5 and 1 to 2) 1, Killcrankle (7 to 5 for place) 2, Arkler 3.

was second, the winner turning up in Greeno, by three lengths, ridden by McDaniel. Tony Bonero opened up again at the start, but he was caught on the first turn by Fusiade, who led to the stretch. Monacador moved up with Greeno, and soon passed everything, but was easily overtaken by Tony Bonero and Belle of the Bay, Tony getting the place by a head.

### "Ring" Gets a Jolt.

The ring lost heavily as the result of the fifth. Higginbotham was the favorite, and Monacador a well played second choice. The latter carried the most money, however. The race was between the two all the way. They alternated in making the pace, until they reached the stretch, where Monacador drew away to win by two lengths. Eight lengths back Reidmore and Ballot Box fought it out for third money, but Reidmore was out of the race. Reidmore was struck out. Higginbotham carried a big commission of Bill Keverly, the bookmaker.

### EXPRESS TRAIN DROPS FROM BRIDGE TO RIVER.

BARCELONA, Nov. 25.—An express train from Valencia, with many passengers on board, fell from a bridge into the water below on the outskirts of this city to-day. No details of the accident yet have been received.

## ROOSEVELT GIVES OFFICES ON THE FLIP OF A COIN

White House Lottery Held to  
Settle South Dakota Pat-  
ronage Dispute.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The White House was the scene of a lottery drawing to-day in which the Federal patronage of the State of South Dakota was disposed of. The President of the United States turned the wheel of fortune and Senators Kittredge and Gamble drew out the prize packages.

There was a large number of vacant offices in the State due to the fact that the two Senators have been unable to agree upon applicants, thus permitting the old offices to remain.

The two Senators then proceeded to positions long beyond the time to which they were appointed.

The Senators met in the President's office to-day by appointment to agree, if possible, upon a distribution of the offices. They confronted the President, but when they found themselves just as far apart as they have been in his absence.

President Roosevelt saw the difficulty and proposed that they draw lots. The Senators agreed, and the position of bank examiner being the place in immediate dispute, the President tossed up a coin, saying that heads meant that Kittredge would win and tails that Senator Gamble should name the man.

The place of money fell heads up, and the nomination was thus awarded to Mr. Kittredge.

Both appearing animated with the method of disposing of the problem, the President suggested that all vacancies be filled after the same manner. He accordingly the names of the offices were written upon slips of paper.

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avenue and Forty-second street, figured to-day in the capture of an interesting pair of alleged stage people who are wanted in New York on the charge of having robbed a wealthy Southerner of diamonds and money to the amount of \$25,000.

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## DEAD MOTORMAN PLUNGES SUBWAY TRAIN INTO WRECK

Train Dashes Past Signals on High  
Curve Near 174th Street Station,  
Injuring Many Passengers  
in Rear-End Collision.

### DERAILED CARS TAKE FIRE HANGING OVER STRUCTURE.

Meyers, Veteran Engineer, Believed to Have  
Been Stricken in Sight of Danger—Cars  
Speed On With No Control of  
Mechanism.

An eight-car north-bound Bronx Park Subway express, with a man either dead or in a helpless state from paralysis or fright in charge, crashed into another train bound in the same direction on the elevated structure at One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street and Boston road to-day. James Meyers, the motor engineer of the rear train, was cut to pieces in his little box in the front car, and a dozen or more passengers were injured.

It is the belief of Meyers's employers and fellow workmen, and of Coroner's Physician Curtin that the motor engineer was a corpse before the collision. They base their opinion upon several circumstances.

## CAPTURES PAIR ALLEGED TO HAVE STOLEN \$25,000

Jumped Bail Here and Went to  
Canada, but Were Caught  
in Chicago.

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A month ago "Shine" and the woman were arrested on complaint of a man who gave the name of Robert H. Brown, of Atlanta, Ga., but who is known as a prominent real-estate operator of New York. He charged them with robbing him of the diamonds and money in a hotel near Thirty-fifth street and Broadway. At that time the pair were held in \$2,000 bail. They escaped and headed for Winnipeg, Canada. The woman, it is said by the police, attracted the man's attention while her confederate went to his hotel room and rifled his trunk and baggage of his possessions. None of the stolen property has been recovered.

Peabody learned that Edwards had a custom of visiting Chicago each Saturday. He left New York with a Central office sleuth last Wednesday and after making a round of the Madison avenue resorts rounded up the pair and had them arrested. They were turned over to the ex-detective and the Central office man and brought here.

### Argument of Two in Cab.

To-day's accident brings up again the agitation for an additional motor engineer in the motor-box of "L" and subway trains, or the adoption of some device to automatically stop a train should the motor engineer die at his post or become helpless from illness.

Theoretically, there is such a device now in operation—a device that provides for the stricken motor engineer dropping his hand from the controller lever and releasing a safety air brake clutch. But the device failed to work in Meyers's case. If, indeed, he was really helpless and not simply so paralyzed from fright that he allowed his train to rush on unchecked into a collision, when he could have stopped it.

Sol. Greenstein, of No. 1188 Bathurst avenue, and Mrs. S. Scriven, of No. 11

WERE SEVERED. An autopsy may determine whether or not Meyers was killed by the collision or was dead or as good as dead before it happened.

The colliding train was moving at close to full speed and the shock was terrific. The rear car of the front train were of steel construction, but they crumpled like paper. Had they been wooden cars, like a majority of those in use in the Subway, they must have been totally wrecked and possibly would have dropped to the street. A wheel from one of the cars did fall through the ties to the pavement, forty feet below.

Subway service in the Bronx was totally suspended for almost three hours after the accident. The train schedules on the Metro avenue branch, between Ninety-sixth street and the Harlem River, was disarranged all afternoon—in fact, the entire Subway service suffered.

DRINK, EAT AND BE MERRY.